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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS GROUP 3(A)-TARIFFS

REF: GENEVA 987

1. GATT SECRETARIAT HAS ISSUED DOCUMENT MTN/3A-1,  
"GROUP 3(A) - CONSIDERATION OF TECHNICAL WORK TO BE  
UNDERTAKEN," DATED FEBRUARY 27, FOR MTN GROUP 3(A)  
MEETING ON TARIFFS BEGINNING MARCH 11. COPIES AIR MAILED  
STR (KELLY), EB/OT/TA (HOLMES), AND COMMERCE (ABBUHL).

2. DOCUMENT REVIEWS GATT WORK DONE IN DATA COLLECTION  
AND TARIFF ANALYSIS IN RECENT YEARS, THEN OUTLINES WORK  
TO BE DONE. IT STATES GROUP MAY WISH BEGIN WITH REVIEW  
OF WORK DONE AND AGREED TO BE DONE, INCLUDING DISCUSSION  
OF COM/IND/W/111 AND ADD. 1 ON THE GSP AND MFN TARIFF  
REDUCTIONS, AND COM/IND/W/91, ADDS 4, 5, AND 6 AND  
COM/IND/W/112, PARA 5 ON VARIOUS TABULATIONS AND PROFILES.

3. DOCUMENT STATES GROUP WILL HAVE TO DISPOSE OF UN-  
FINISHED BUSINESS REGARDING HOW TO RUN TABULATIONS  
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INLLUSTRATING (A) AN APPROACH TO HARMONIZATION IN

WHICH ACCOUNT WOULD BE TAKEN OF IMPORTANCE OF PREFERENTIAL TRADE OR PREFERENTIAL TARIFF MARGINS, (B) THE EFFECTS OF A NUMBER OF OTHER FORMULAE FOR PROGRESSIVE REDUCTIONS OF DUTIES, AND (C) THE STRUCTURE OF TARIFFS IN THE 23 PRODUCT CATEGORIES AND 119 SUB-CATEGORIES BY SHOWING THE WEIGHTS OF INDIVIDUAL BTN HEADINGS MAKING UP THE CATEGORY AND SUB-CATEGORY AVERAGES. IT SAYS WHILE DETERMINATION OF BASE DATES AND BASE RATES OF CUSTOMS TARIFFS FOR PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATIONS AND OF BASE YEARS FOR COLLECTION OF STATISTICS MAY BE LEFT FOR LATER MEETINGS, GROUP WILL NOW HAVE TO CONSIDER HOW ORGANIZE THIS PART OF ITS WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH GROUP 3(E).

4. FINALLY, IT STATES THIS FIRST MEETING WILL HAVE TO DECIDE HOW TO UPDATE TARIFF STUDY DATA AND NOTES DECISION WILL HAVE BEARING ON POINTS 5 AND 6 OF WORK PROGRAM. IF 1972 IS CHOSEN, AUTUMN OF 1974 WOULD BE EARLIEST COMPLETION DATE. IF 1973 SELECTED, SUMMER OF 1975 WOULD BE SOONEST. REASONS GIVEN ARE SAME AS THOSE DESCRIBED IN PARA 2(A) OF REFTEL. ALSO, COMMENCEMENT OF DISCUSSION OF UNIT OF ACCOUNT TO BE USED IN NEGOTIATIONS IS REQUIRED (POINT 7 OF WORK PROGRAM). DALE

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